

ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH



December 31st, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92124

Mass Times:

Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri., 8:30am

Thurs., 8:30am Communion Service

Saturdays Vigil: 4:30pm

Sundays: 8:30am, 11am, 5:30pm

Confessions: Sat. 3:00-4:00pm

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Welcome to Ascension

Our 2023 Posada

A heartfelt thank you to all the children, parents and volunteers who helped this year's Posada an overwhelming success! Your dedication, enthusiasm, and generous spirit transformed our event into a truly magical and memorable experience. Together, we created a sense of warmth and community that will be cherished for years to come.



“
...A LIGHT FOR
REVELATION TO
THE GENTILES,
AND GLORY FOR
YOUR PEOPLE
ISRAEL...
”



PRAY FOR US

THE HOLY FAMILY

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A YOUTH MINISTER!



Are you an enthusiastic individual who loves our Catholic faith and seeking a rewarding opportunity to share your faith with the teens of our parish? Look no further!

Ascension is looking for you to join our team and play a vital role in mentoring our middle school and high school teens and fostering a deeper connection to our rich Catholic spiritual heritage.

Flexible Part-Time Hours: This vital role will require about 15-20 hours per week. To learn more or to apply for this staff position, please contact Bonnie Curtis at bonnie@ascension-sd.org.



We are also looking for adult volunteers to assist our new Youth Minister. Please let us know if you would like to be involved with faith sharing, Bible studies, fund raisers, annual retreat, social events, food, etc. Please contact the office or Bonnie Curtis at bonnie@ascension-sd.org

Pray with Us!

PRAY FOR PEACE

God of Comfort,

send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine.

You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the one whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression
Let hearts mourn rather than militarize.

God of Love,

we lift up Palestine and Israel — its people, its land, its creatures.

War is a monster that consumes everything in its path.

Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews.

Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies.

Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries.

We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.



Jan. 5th, 2024
Following the 8:30am Mass
Benediction is at 5:45pm.

Please come spend an hour in the silent awesomeness of our Lord.

Sign up sheets are available in the church vestibule this weekend

Please wear your medal.

MASS Intentions

Sat, Dec 30th	4:30pm	Joseph Parisi† Mary Parisi†
Sun, Dec 31st	8:30am	Parishioners of Ascension
	11:00am	Rodrigo Ferrer†
		Joanne Benke-Helm†
	5:30pm	For the Souls in Purgatory
Mon, Jan 1st	9:00am	Rodrigo Ferrer†
Tues, Jan 2nd	8:30am	Macaria Nalugon†
Weds, Jan 3rd	8:30pm	Open
Thru, Jan 4th	4:30pm	Communion Service
Fri, Jan 5th	8:30am	For the Souls in Purgatory Ella Lopez
Sat, Jan 6th	4:30pm	Parishioners of Ascension
Sun, Jan 7th	8:30am	Michael Pollard
	11:00am	Mary Guerin†
	5:30pm	Open



PRAYER REQUEST

If you have name/s to be included in this prayer list, please contact the parish office. The "†" indicates that the person is deceased. Your prayer will remain on the list for one month (space providing).

Fr. Michael Garcia	Paul Sevilla	Mike Sullivan
Roger Hoffman†	Chris Cronin	Ella Lopez
The Hoffman	Alex Polifka	Karen Garcilazo†
Mari-Beth Turner	Michelle Nadeau-Patterson †	Sam Beamon †
Christiane Hoffman-Frank	David Egan	Aurora Blaikie†
Fidel Salazar	Maria Belflower	Purificacion Tamayo
Mary Lou Platon†	Elizabeth G. Laxamana†	Dan Trubovitz
Lucian Platon†	Rosie Struyk	Cathy Wu†

Church Life

Thank you to our Sacred Space Committee

A heartfelt thank you for the exquisite nativity scene and its perfect placement. Your attention to detail and care in decorating our sacred space has filled our hearts with joy and reverence.

Blessings to each of you for creating a truly special atmosphere.

Your dedication and care contribute to the spiritual and festive atmosphere, bringing blessings and joy to the community.

With gratitude,
Ascension Parish



Time, Talent, Treasure

Your Gift of Treasure

Weekend of Dec. 17th, 2023

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord of the following:

	12/17/23	12/18/22
Collection	\$11,595.05	\$10,352.68
Fiscal YTD	\$192,424.30	\$198,705.24

ACA 2023 Goal: \$36,116.00

Amount paid as of Nov. 4th: \$34,717.88

Church Renovation Donations: \$7,598.47

Thank you for your support & generosity!

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31

Mass at 8:30am, 11am & 5:30pm

New Year's Day - Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1

Mass at 9:00am

Caring for the Whole Person Ministry

An opportunity for you, as a faithful disciple of Jesus, to take a step deeper into Gospel life.

What is CWP?

CWP is primarily a Ministry of Presence

We tend to those who are alone, have illness or are dying. We want to listen & journey with our parishioners in need through difficult times

GET INVOLVED

If you feel the Holy Spirit prompting you, **Please join!**

We invite you to be part of the Caring for the Whole Person Ministry

Contact: Deacon Jim

deaconjim@ascension-sd.org
858-279-2735

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday
January 7th after the 8:30 Mass



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Altar Flowers: TBD

Altar Servers: (Children) Tom Tomp 858-496-9267

Altar Servers: (Adult) Carlos Becerra 858-337-6474

Altar Committee: Angela Jones

Parish Fellowship: Henry Ng 858-223-3380

Men's Fellowship: Deacon Adam 858-279-2735

Baptisms: Deacon Adam deaconadam@ascension-sd.org

Bereavement Ministry: Pat Berkebile 858-278-5497

Caring for the Whole Person: 858-279-2735

Deacon Jim & Mattie Scull

Children's Liturgy of the Word: 858-279-2735

Coffee & Donuts: Sharla Hank 619-315-5553

Eucharistic Ministers: Fran Lebron 858-442-1826

Fiesta Chair: Henry Ng 858-279-2735

Finance Council: Joe Kennedy 858-279-8413

First Friday Adoration: Maxima Agnas 858-278-4543

Golden Circle: Dennis & Yolanda James 858-715-8697

Grief Support: Sandy Canzoneri 858-565-2101

Knights of Columbus: Mark Elfman 858-775-4647

Lectors: Fran Lebron 858-442-1826

Love Our Priests: Jean Hosenkamp 858-560-7132

Marian Prayer Group: Rosa Germain 858-279-7397

Military Outreach: Rick Kania 858-405-3013

MOC: Deacon Jim deaconjim@ascension-sd.org

Ministry to the Sick: Deacon Jim 858-279-2735

Music Ministry:

(Sat 4:30 PM) Billy Fallon

(11:00AM) Marianne Gutierrez marianne@ascension-sd.org

(Sun 5:30PM) John Sperrazzo john@ascension-sd.org

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Prayer Quilts: Gail Janes 858-414-6361

Pro-Life: David Akers 858-437-1445

RCIA: Bonnie Curtis 858-279-2735

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R.E Coordinator: Abby Gonzalez 858-279-2735

Single Seniors Fellowship: Danielle Deaton 858-278-0755

Ushers/Hospitality: Ray Lebron 858-775-6734



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



MINISTRIES OF CHARITY UPDATE #2023 – 22

December 14th, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

MOC is now moving into its winter schedule of events. Please join us as we continue to serve those in need. You can read about all of our activities in the parish bulletin, on the parish website, and in this update. Here is your next MOC Update #2023 -22.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS:

Our first MOC 2024 event will be “*Help for the Homeless*”, a project to serve the Homeless in San Diego. This event will be two separate, simultaneous projects.

The first project will benefit the children from the Department of Children and Youth in Transition (CYT), within the San Diego City School District. This little known department serves all children within the school system who are living in transitional situations. This includes children who are homeless, or in transitional housing, i.e. military and immigrant families in need. Children from these situations are regularly in crisis and are served by CYT with school supplies, clothes and food. What is their most critical need? Believe it or not, children’s underwear. Many, many of these children do not have new or clean underwear. CYT’s closets are empty. Please help, we will be accepting donations, throughout January, of new children’s underwear: Kindergarten to 12th grade, boy’s, and girl’s, all sizes. Help us send these children to school completely dressed.

The second project, will be a collection of shoes (new or gently used) and socks for the homeless. We will be having a distribution of these and other items, as well as, serving a meal at Catholic Charities’ Neil Good Center on Feb 10, 2024.

Collections for all these items will begin in January 2024. There will be donation bins in the vestibule of the Church. Clean out your closets and fill our bins. We will be having a signup table to help with the distribution and meal service outside of church after weekend masses the 2nd and 3rd weekends in January. More news to come!

NEXT MOC MEETING: Our next MOC Meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024, 7pm, in the Pavilion.